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THE OWOSSO TIMES.

EDMUND O. DEWEY, Editor.

OWOSSO, FRIDAY, OCT. 1, 1897.

The republicans of New York city have
nominated Gen. B. F. Tracy for mayor.

Those people who are satisfied with Mr.
Bryan's explanation of the cause in the
advance in the price of wheat might do well
to inquire of him about the advance of wool.
He says the advance in wheat was due to a
shortage abroad. There is no record of any
considerable shortage abroad in wool, yet
prices of wool have advanced sixty per cent
since the beginning of September, 1896,
while silver has fallen twenty per cent in
the same time.

The total state tax for 1897 is \$2,379,907-
23, of which \$1,554,576.21 is for general
purposes. Some of the larger items that go
to make up the total aggregate are as fol-
lows: University, \$207,183.33; the two
normal schools, \$90,650; Michigan College
of Mines, \$45,000; Industrial School for
boys, \$60,500; for girls, \$46,750; Home for
Feeble Minded, \$70,788; Soldiers' Home
\$68,000; School for the Blind, \$28,000;
School for the Deaf, \$89,050; Michigan
National Guard, \$80,665.64; relief for On-
tario fire sufferers, \$25,000. Shiawassee
county will be called upon to pay \$36,072.25.

Reports from the manufacturing districts,
north and south, continue to show increased
activity. Three large cordage mills at Isala,
Ohio, which have been out of operation for
several years, are being reopened with a
full force of men. The Wead Paper Mills
at Malone, New York, which have been idle
for two years, have been reopened; the
Bridgeton, Pennsylvania, Woolen Mills,
which have been closed nearly three years,
have resumed operations; two of the Ohio
Valley railroads have given orders for one
thousand new box cars each, for use in the
business which is being offered them, and
which they are now unable to handle; the
Cleveland Rolling Mills report a large order
for bar steel from Birmingham, England,
and an Ohio paper mill reports a contract
of several thousand tons of print paper for the
Japanese trade.

The visit of senators Mantle and Pettigrew
to the Mikado of Japan to inquire
why silver has been demonetized seems to
have been a great loss of time and labor.
Had they taken the trouble to examine the
report of the Director of the Mint, which
covers the value of Japan's silver coins
during the past few years, they would have
found it entirely unnecessary to take their
trip across the Pacific, though that might
be a very convenient trip for almost any-
body to take providing the silver trust
saw fit to pay expenses. The report of the
director of the mint shows that the Japa-
nese silver yen, which was worth 83 1-10
cents in 1891, was worth only 47 8-10 cents
in 1897, all of which should have been suf-
ficient information for anybody who wanted
cold facts without a foreign junket as an
accompaniment. Senators Pettigrew and
Mantle having omitted to favor the people
of this country with the result of their in-
terview with the Mikado, the public may
be able to work along with the information
given in the following table, until the silver
statesmen are heard from.

Year.	Value of Silver Yen.	Value of Gold Yen.
1888	75.3	99.7
1889	75.4	99.7
1890	75.2	99.7
1891	83.1	99.7
1892	74.5	99.7
1893	66.1	99.7
1894	55.6	99.7
1895	49.1	99.7
1896	52.9	99.7
1897 (July)	47.8	99.7

Washington Letter.

Special Correspondence:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27, '97.
The farmers of the country will have
good reason to congratulate themselves up-
on the promptness with which the Dingley
law got upon the statute books.

UNEXAMPLED PROMPTNESS.

That it did become a law more promptly
than any tariff measure since Washington
has been already explained in this corre-
spondence. Canvass the history of all ad-
ministrations and all tariff laws, and you
will find none since the original tariff act
which became a law so promptly after the
inauguration of a new president.

WHY THE FARMER SHOULD REJOICE.

But the purpose of the opening remarks
as to the farmer was to call attention to the
raid which was made on him in the closing
days of the old law, and the advantages
which he gained by the promptness of re-
publican legislation which put a stop to that
raid.

DODGING THE NEW DUTY ON FARM PRO-
DUCTS.

The chief ambition of the importers in
the closing months of the Wilson tariff
seems to have been to "gouge" the farmer
out of the last penny possible by rushing in
all the farm products they could rake and
scrape the world over.

Take the matter of live animals for in-
stance. The value of the live animals im-
ported in the month of July, 1897, amount-
ed to \$354,000,000, while in July, 1896,
they amounted to only \$73,000,000.

The cattle imported in July, 1897, num-
bered 27,740, while in July, 1896, they
numbered only 3,071. This was the last
chance of the importers to gouge the farm-
ers by rushing in Mexican cattle at the low
rates of the Wilson law, and by undervalu-
ing them, bringing them in almost free of
duty.

The number of sheep imported in July,
1897, was 39,984, against 4,078 in July of
the preceding year.

The importations of raw cotton during
July, 1897, amounted to 6,595,908 pounds,
against 1,764,100 in July of the preceding
year, this being due doubtless to the expec-
tation that the duty on cotton which was
placed in the bill by the senate would be re-
tained by the conference committee.

The duty placed upon hides of course
stimulated the importation of this article
during the closing days of July, before the
new law went into effect. The total im-
ports of hides, other than fur skins, during
the month of July amounted to 21,434,163
pounds, against 9,309,961 in the correspond-
ing month of 1896. The imports of hides
during the entire seven months of the calen-
dar year amounted to 150,558,450 pounds,
against 78,392,411 pounds in the correspond-
ing months of the preceding year.

The last shot that the wool importers and
wool producers of foreign countries could
get at the American farmer under the free-
wool clause of the Wilson law was shown
in the imports of wool during July, 1897,
being over 23,000,000 pounds, as against
5,455,000 pounds in the corresponding month
of last year. For the seven months of 1897
ending with July the imports of wool
amounted to 316,000,000 pounds, as against
107,000,000 pounds in the corresponding
months of the preceding year.

The increase in the duty on vegetable
fibres, such as flax, hemp, etc., stimulated
the dealers in that class of goods to unusual
activity, the July imports of this class
amounting to \$1,400,000, against \$900,000
of the corresponding month of last year.

NO OPPORTUNITY NEGLECTED.

The importers neglected no opportunity
in that closing month to either put money in
their own pocket or take away from the
Dingley law its earning capacity during its
first few months. The importation into the
United States in the month of July, 1897,
amounted to \$53,790,467, of which a very
large proportion was made up of articles
which could come in at lower rates under
the Wilson law than under the Dingley law,
which they knew would go into operation
by the close of that month.

FREE RAW MATERIAL.

One special feature of the Wilson law was
its effort to bring in free of duty what is
usually termed "raw material"—that is,
materials in a crude condition for use in
manufacturing. The July, 1897, import-
ation of this particular class of articles was
double that of July, 1896, while in the seven
months ending with July, 1897, the increase
in free raw material amounted to \$55,000-
000, or an increase of over fifty per cent for
the entire seven months of the calendar
year 1897.

It will thus be seen that while every in-
terest was "raided" by the importers in the
last months of the Wilson law, the farmer
was the greatest sufferer. That he is al-
ready feeling the benefit of the Dingley
law, however, is shown by the general ad-
vance in prices. Nearly every production
of the farm has increased in value, while
silver has been steadily falling in price.
The latest farm product to hear from is cot-
ton seed and cotton seed meal, which have

advanced very rapidly of late, southern
newspapers reporting high prices and that
every consignment is eagerly seized by buy-
ers, and wool which sold in September of
1896 at seventeen cents a pound is selling
in September of 1897 at twenty-seven cents,
an advance of about sixty per cent; yet sil-
ver is falling twenty per cent or more mean-
time.

County S. S. Association.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the
Shiawassee County Sunday School Associa-
tion, will be held in the M. E. church, Cor-
unna, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 21-22,
1897.

PROGRAM.

THURSDAY FORENOON.
10:30—Devotional Service, Rev. T. J. Mott, Cor-
unna. Thought—"Our Greatest Need."
11:00—Open Conference, considering: 1—"The S.
S. as the instructional opportunity of the
church." 2—"How to increase its
power as a converting agency."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
Primary Session.
1:30—Devotional Services, Mrs. Ed. Shuttle-
worth, Corunna.

1:50—"Helps in Lesson Preparation for the
Primary Teacher," Mrs. E. S. Allen,
Lansburg.

2:05—Discussion.
2:15—"Environments," Rev. F. A. Stevens,
Verona.

2:35—Discussion.
2:45—"Cooperation of the Home and School,
its Importance and How to Secure It,"
Miss Helen Shanafelt, Owosso.

3:05—Discussion.
3:15—Question Box.
3:30—"Songs and Music for the Little Ones,"
Miss Florence Zimmerman, Owosso.

3:45—Primary Songs illustrated, in the use of:
a. "We'll be Right." b. "Collection
Song," by primary department of the
Presbyterian school, Corunna.

4:00—S. S. Lesson for Oct. 24, taught by Miss
Charlena Robbins, Owosso.

4:20—Song, "Happy Hearts," primary depart-
ment Baptist S. S. Corunna.

Song, "God Made All Things," primary
department M. E. S. S., Corunna.

"Building Song," by the children, con-
ducted by Mrs. M. E. Kellogg, Corunna.

EVENING SESSION.
7:00—Song and Praise Service.
7:30—"The Teacher's Meeting and How to Con-
duct It," Supt. J. W. Simmons, Owosso.

8:00—"Methods of Profitable Bible Study," E.
Mohr, Supt. Field Work for Michigan.
Offering.
Adjourn.

FRIDAY FORENOON.
8:00—Conference of County and Township Of-
ficers and Workers, led by E. K. Mohr,
Grand Rapids.

9:15—Call to order. Short Devotional Service,
to be followed by a Bible Reading by
E. K. Mohr.

9:45—Minutes of last County Convention and
Secretary's Annual Report, Maud Har-
per, Shafterburg.

10:00—"How to Study and How to Teach the
S. S. Lesson," Mrs. M. S. Watkins, Owosso
Discussion.

10:30—"The S. S. Teacher: 1. As a Soul Winner;
2. In His Pastoral Work," Rev. O. J.
Roberts, Morrice.
Discussion.

11:00—Business Hour, including report of treas-
urer; election of officers; pledge for '98;
delegates to State Convention, etc.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
1:30—Devotional Service, led by Rev. A. C.
Marshall, Corunna.

1:45—Unfinished business.
2:00—"S. S. Management," Prof. C. T. Collins,
Corunna.
Discussion.

2:30—"The Home Department—What? Why?
How?" E. K. Mohr.
Questions.

3:00—Normal Work.
3:30—"How to Secure the Home Study of the
S. S. Lesson," Miss Rachel Evans, Cor-
unna.
Discussion.

After the Convention, what? Wherein
have I been helped?
Closing testimony and consecration ser-
vice.
Adjourn.

An Island of Chalk.

The English island of Thanet is al-
most wholly composed of chalk. The
island is 10 miles in length and about
5 in breadth, and geologists say that
there are not less than 42,000,000,000
tons of chalk "in sight" on it.



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prices of some goods in our line, we were
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before the prices advanced. If you are in
need of a Suit or Overcoat, now is the
time to pick it out, while the stock is com-
plete, and if you see something you want
we will lay it away for you until you need
it. We can safely say that comparison
will convince you that the New Store is
the place to spend your money.

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FACTS IN A FEW LINES.

Red hats were first worn by cardinals
in the year 1345.

Blotting paper is made of cotton rags
boiled with soda.

The African deserts are slowly be-
coming habitable.

The number of inhabited houses in
London is estimated at about 548,800.

Massachusetts has the largest foreign
born population. New York is second.

Eighty-five per cent of the people
who are lame are affected on the left
side.

It is estimated that about 250,000,000
bricks are used monthly in Great
Britain.

In 1895 California produced \$15,000-
000 worth of gold and Colorado \$18-
800,000.

But 14 towns in Massachusetts and
17 in Connecticut are without public
libraries.

Florida, of all the states, has the
most water within its boundaries, 4,440
square miles.

People who sell newspapers in the
streets of Moscow are compelled to ap-
pear in uniform.

Worcester, Mass., turns out more en-
velopes each year than any other city
in the United States.

In France 4,000,000 tons of potatoes
are annually used in the manufacture
of starch and alcohol.

During 1896 Illinois produced more
than one-third of all the distilled spirits
made in the United States.

Women sailors are employed in Nor-
way, Denmark and Finland and are
found to be excellent mariners.

The income of a teacher in a private
school of China is very small, about a
half penny a day for each pupil.

The Chinese condemn criminals to
death by preventing sleep. Sufferers
last from 12 to 20 days, when death
comes to their relief.

The gold production of the United
States was greatest in 1853, when it
aggregated \$65,000,000. The greatest
silver year was 1892.

The average daily attendance of chil-
dren in the public schools is highest in
Pennsylvania, being 779,000, while in
New York it is 757,000.

The largest amount of gold coin and
bullion in circulation in the United
States was in 1890. The most silver
was in circulation in 1891.

The national guard of Connecticut,
2,800 men, can be concentrated in four
towns ready for service outside the
state in from 8 to 12 hours.

Cabbage is said to be a cure for in-
toxication. Natives of Egypt eat boiled
cabbage before their other food if they
intend to drink wine after dinner.

The cost of the official records of the
rebellion has been thus far \$2,334,328,
and the total when the work is done is
expected to foot up to \$5,000,000. This
is \$26,785 a volume.

Owosso horsemen will have an opportu-
nity next season to breed their choicely bred
trotting mares to one of the best bred and
finest individual stallions in Michigan, as
the owner of Will Carleton 3:25 1/4 has been
persuaded to bring this great young Pilot
Medium stallion to Owosso, March 1, 1898,
to make a full season. Will Carleton is a
large, handsome stallion; a first premium
winner, always in the show ring; a producer
of speed and fine market horses; is a son of
the great Michigan sire, Pilot Medium, sire
of 85, dam Trisley (dam of 5) by Louis Na-
poleon.

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